

State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health Office of Public Health

July 31, 2019

TO: Louisiana Authorized WIC Vendors in Trade Area 3 (Regions 1, 3, & 9)

FROM: Natalie M. Istre, Vendor Manager

RE: 2019 Reauthorization – Final Warning

The Vendor Agreement between your store and the Louisiana WIC Program (LA WIC) will expire on September 30, 2019. To continue to transact WIC benefits, LA WIC requires that your store apply to be reauthorized. To date, your store has failed to submit its reauthorization application materials, as directed by the attached document, and is at risk of having a lapse in WIC authorization. If your store wishes to be reauthorized as a WIC Vendor, your store must submit its reauthorization application materials by August 23, 2019. Submission of your store's reauthorization application materials after this date may result in your store having to apply as a new vendor and undergo an onsite visit.

Please review the attached document titled "RE: WIC Vendor Reauthorization Application Deadline - July 31, 2019" for information on how to obtain, complete, and submit the reauthorization application materials.

As a reminder, if an applying vendor fails to meet the selection criteria, the vendor's application will be denied, the vendor's current authorization will expire on September 30, 2019, and the vendor must wait one (1) year to re-apply. As stated in the LA WIC Vendor Agreement, WIC authorization is not a license or property interest. Expiration of the LA WIC Vendor Agreement is not subject to administrative review.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at <u>LAWICVendor@la.gov</u> or (504) 568-8229.

Sincerely,

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